

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S996, as Amended**

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TO:	The Honorable Robert E. "Bob" Walker, Chairperson, House Education and Public Works Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Ferries		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Savings to Federal and/or Other Funds

BILL SUMMARY:

Under this Bill, the Department of Transportation may provide for the establishment, operation, maintenance, and supervision of public ferries connecting parts of the state highway system. The governing body of a county may provide for the establishment, operation, maintenance, and supervision of public ferries connecting parts of public roads located within the county that are not under the control of the department. Where the boundary line between adjoining counties runs through a river or other body of water, the governing bodies of the counties may enter into an agreement providing for the establishment, operation, maintenance, and supervision of public ferries connecting state roads in the counties that are not under control of the department. Contributions from private citizens or public or private entities may be made to defray the operational or maintenance expenses of a ferry.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) reports that this Bill would result in annual savings of approximately \$450,000. The savings would come from SCDOT no longer being required to operate the South Island Ferry.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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